



City of Cincinnati

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City Adopts Contractor Registration Ordinance for Resident Consumer Protection

Cincinnati City Council finalized provisions the City's Contractor Registration Ordinance begun at the beginning of this year. The purpose of the Contractor Registration Program is to protect the health, safety, property and welfare of the consumer, general public, as well as the owners and occupants of buildings. The program has been established to also protect the rights of all general and specialty contractors by ensuring that all such contractors are bonded, insured, and current with their income taxes.

The ordinance includes three contractor registration categories: Home Improvement Contractor, Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB) Licensed Specialty Contractors, and Building Construction Contractor. The registration requirements include proof of liability insurance coverage; City bonding in the amount of \$10,000; State of Ohio Workers Compensation coverage; and an account in good standing with the City of Cincinnati Income Tax Division. The OCILB requires the previous requirement as well as a current, valid OCILB specialty contractor license and its required liability insurance coverage.

The owner of a one (1), two (2) or three (3) family dwelling shall be exempt from the registration as long as the work on the premises is personally performed by the homeowner and the residence will be occupied by said owner for at least one year.

The initial registration and annual renewal fee will be \$125 for all registrations. A contractor may apply for a registration for a one, two or three-year period of time.

The new City policy also carries with it fines of \$500 for a first violation of and a second violation of a \$1,000.

The City is accepting applications for registration at the Development and Permit Center located at 3300 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225. More information on the application process, exemptions, bond forms, and assignment forms is available by visiting <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bldginsp/pages/-17928/> or by calling the Bureau of Buildings and Inspections at 352-3271 for additional assistance.

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